IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Yasuharu SASAKI et al.

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CHLAMYDOSPORES AND PROCESS FOR :

PRODUCING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In the interest reducing PTO filing fees, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) The process for producing chlamydospores according to claim 3, characterized in that further comprising increasing the agitation speed by 15 to 30% and maintaining the aerated cultivation, after glucose consumption in the medium.

Please add the following new claim:

6. (New) The process for producing chlamydospores according to claim 4, characterized in that further comprising increasing the agitation speed by 15 to 30% and maintaining the aerated cultivation, after glucose consumption in the medium.

REMARKS

The above amendment is presented to eliminate multiple dependent claims, thereby reducing PTO filing fees.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5 has been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) The process for producing chlamydospores according to claim 3 [or 4], characterized in that further comprising increasing the agitation speed by 15 to 30% and maintaining the aerated cultivation, after glucose consumption in the medium.